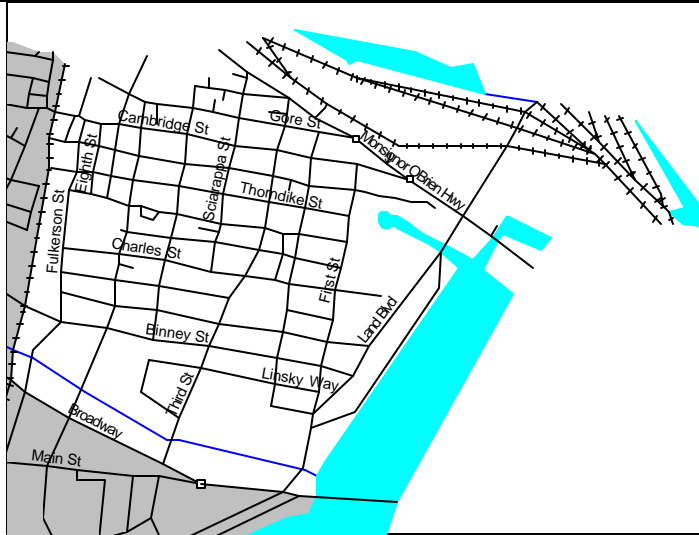
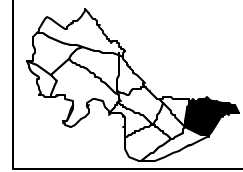


# NEIGHBORHOOD 1

## EAST CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the Charles River, Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Somerville border

**POPULATION:** 5,783 residents  
2,726 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$30,281

Neighborhood #1 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 (2 officers) and Car 1R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 1A, 1B, and 1C.

### 2002 FIRST QUARTER REVIEW

**Auto theft** registered the largest increase (+70%) of the six target crimes in East Cambridge during the first quarter of 2002. In Mid-January, a weekend pattern of thefts was identified along Second and Third Streets. Ten of the seventeen thefts in this neighborhood occurred during the first three weeks of the new year. The area between 100 and 200 Thorndike Street was the hot spot for car thieves with six incidents reported between January and the end of March. The majority of stolen cars were recovered in the neighboring communities of Somerville, Revere and Chelsea. • **Housebreaks** (-7%) declined by one incident in East Cambridge during the first three months of 2002. A pattern of daytime housebreaks on the first Wednesday of the month was identified in March. Multiple breaks were reported between 9AM and 2PM in the vicinity of the 490 to 550 blocks of Cambridge Street and the lower numbers of Fifth and Sixth. Two white males driving a station wagon were observed as suspects in these mid-week breaks. There were no arrests in this series of residential breaks. • There were four **street robberies** (+33%) in Neighborhood # 1 during the first quarter of 2002. Two of the robberies were in January in close proximity to the Galleria Mall. Both incidents were between 7PM to 10PM on weekdays nights and in each of the crimes the suspects were armed. The victim of the Canal Park robbery on January 7<sup>th</sup> received a puncture wound to the chest with a knife. It has been determined that all four incidents were perpetrated by sets of different suspects. •

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS FIRST QUARTER 2001 & 2002

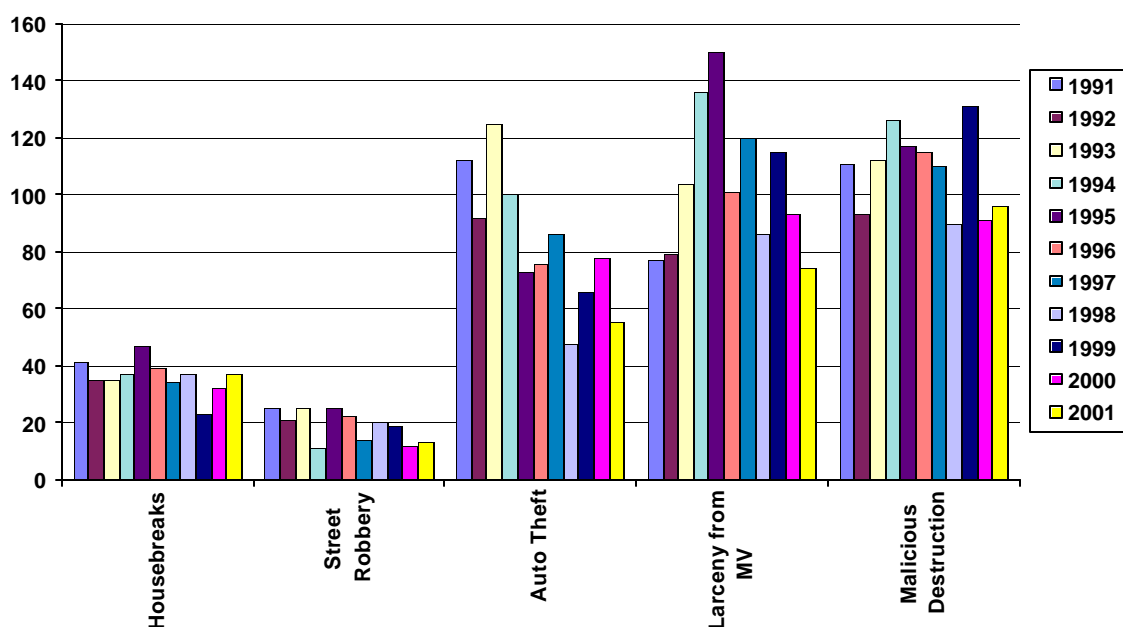
CRIME	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2001	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2002	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	14	13	-7%
Street Robbery	3	4	+33%
Auto Theft	10	17	+70%
Larceny from MVs	15	18	+20%
Malicious Destruction	26	40	+54%

Drug Arrests	0	2	<i>Inc.</i>
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## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

With the booming Cambridgeside Galleria and the fringe of Cambridge Center as its most prominent features, East Cambridge may be the most heavily trafficked commercial region in the city. It has a smaller than average residential population. Other features of the neighborhood include the Lechmere MBTA station, the Kennedy Elementary School, and the Middlesex County Courthouse.

- **Street robberies** ballooned with the opening of the Cambridgeside Galleria in 1991. Most of these are pack or bullyboy robberies committed by and against juveniles. Other robbery patterns—predatory in nature—sometimes appear on Cambridge Street near the B&A Railroad.
- The motor vehicle related crimes of **auto theft**, **larceny from motor vehicles**, and **malicious destruction of property** occur at the highest numbers here, of anywhere in Cambridge due to the level of commercial parking around the Cambridgeside Galleria, along Cambridge Street and in the vicinity of Cambridge Center.
- **Assaults, threats** and related crimes between plaintiffs, victims, or complainants and defendants sometimes occur in the area of the Middlesex County Courthouse.



### ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR EAST CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*
Housebreaks	38	10	36	9	9
Street Robbery	10	11	20	4	4
Auto Theft	156	2	85	1	4
Larceny from MVs	121	5	107	1	5
Malicious Destruction	118	5	114	1	6

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest